

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An object of the present invention is to avoid problems in the network provided e.g. by the IEEE 1394, associated with making a notice following a request from a particular device.

A first communications device sends a first command to a second communications device in the network, thereby giving instruction for notifying to the first communications device on a predefined status change performed under control of the second communications device. Then, the second communications device notifies to the first communications device on the predefined status change only if the status change has taken place within a predetermined time period measured from a time of reception of the first command, and the notice is not made after the time period.